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SOURCE Die Wirtschaft, No 15, 1949.FEDERATIONS OF PEOPLE-OWNED INDUSTRY IN BERLIN

On 7 February 1949, the municipal government of the Soviet sector of Berlin issued a decree ordering the confiscation of properties of war criminals and active Nazis and their transfer to public ownership. This meant a change-over from simple administration of the properties to actual management with operational assignments.

Seven federations of people-owned plants of Berlin were formed, as follows:

	<u>No of Plants</u>	<u>Approximate No of Employees</u>
Federation of People-Owned Machine-Building and Metallurgical Plants		
General machine building	32	5,600
Metal-working industry	37	4,500
Metallurgy	7	1,400
Vehicle construction	16	2,700
Federation of People-Owned Electrical Plants	32	8,200
Federation of People-Owned Chemical Plants		
Sparte Chemicals	31	3,500
Industrial gases	6	400
Laundries and dyeing establishments	13	1,000
Federation of People-Owned Light Industry Plants		
Light industry	5	2,200
Clothing	9	4,000
Woodworking	22	1,000

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	<u>No of Plants</u>	<u>Approximate No of Employees</u>
Federation of People-Owned Food and Beverage-Processing Plants		
Distilleries	6	250
Breweries	10	2,000
Tobacco processing	3	550
Mills and elevators	6	500
Processed food products	14	700
Federation of People-Owned Building and Building Materials Plants	15	10,000
Federation of People-Owned Printing and Paper-Processing Plants	23	1,800

Thus, nearly 50,000 persons are working in the 288 people-owned plants, which include almost 49 percent of all industrial employees in the Soviet Sector of Berlin, although the number of people-owned plants is only 17.3 percent of the total number (1,665 plants) of industrial plants in the sector. In 1948, in all of Berlin there were about 5,800 plants with 258,000 employees.

A number of people-owned plants in Berlin have contracts with the corresponding zonal federations to facilitate coordination and the completion of the plan.

At the head of each federation there is a chief director, who is also exclusively responsible for personnel matters. There is also a directorate and a council, the latter an advisory body composed of a representative from each of the democratic parties, one from the FDRC, one from each of the competent IG (Interessengemeinschaft, community of interests), and five representatives from the plants which belong to the federation.

So far as investments in these plants are concerned, special emphasis is placed on plants which manufacture for export, particularly the electrical industry. At present, about 15 percent of all persons working in the electrical industry in Berlin work in people-owned plants. This number must be considerably increased, and production emphasis must be placed on motors, transformers, turbogenerators, radios, and incandescent bulbs.

Some of the more important plants which belong to the federations include the following:

Metallurgy

The German Brass Works, "Admos," Hartung and Jachmann

Machinery Construction

Berlin Machine-Tool Factory (formerly Kärger), Jung, Bergmann-Borsig (successor to the Borsig plant in the French sector), German Niles Plant

Metal-working Industry

Injecta, Pintsch, Berlin Steel Construction, Gebbers and Company (a sister plant of Bergmann-Borsig)

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Electrical Industry

TRO (formerly AEG Transformers), Graetz AG, Berlin Incandescent Light Plant
(formerly Osram, D Plant)

Chemicals

Potash Chemicals, Schering (three plants), Grünau Chemical Factory

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